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**WATERMELON AND CANTALOUPE SEED**

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## **WATERMELON SEED**

**MONTICELLO, FLORIDA ONLY TOWN IN WORLD WHERE YOU CAN  
BUY CARLOADS**

**Jefferson County Last Year Had 80% Of All The Acreage In The  
United States**

Jefferson County, Florida of which Monticello is the County seat is the home of the Watermelon seed industry of the United States, or in fact the world, for this county grows more watermelons for seed purposes than any other section, and more watermelons are planted in North America than any other continent. The last report of the United States Department of Agriculture shows that the acreage in watermelons for seed purposes last year was 10,522 in the whole United States, and out of that number 8,534 acres were in Jefferson County, Florida, which is a little over 80% of all the watermelons grown for seed.

Watermelon seed grown in this county are sold in every State, and a good many exported to foreign countries. Seed from watermelons grown here will grow and do well in any section, for there is no place where they can be harvested and cured better as the climate and soil are ideal for them.

No matter where you buy your watermelon seed, the chances are ten to one that they were grown in Jefferson County, Florida.

This is the only place in the world where you can buy watermelon seed by the carload. Forty years we have grown Watermelons exclusively for seed. We grow all the leading sorts and will appreciate your orders. Write for price list.

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# VELVET BEANS

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Velvet Beans are probably the cheapest soil-improving crop, cost of seed considered, that can be put in. It really only requires about a peck of seed to the acre. They are usually planted in rows five feet apart, dropping the beans about a foot apart in the rows. They make a very rapid and enormous growth, and soon cover the land wherever they are sown. On account of their large and heavy growth, it is difficult to cure them as a forage crop, and the best use is to let the vines and all be killed by frost and rot upon the ground before attempting to turn them under. Velvet Beans are also largely used in Florida and the extreme South as a cattle grazing and fattening crop, and with excellent and profitable results, and we believe that in this section they will also prove most desirable for this purpose. The cattle are turned into the velvet bean fields late in the fall, and thrive remarkably, grazing on the enormous mass of leaves and vines, and this is continued until late in the winter, with very satisfactory results. Write for prices.

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BUY FROM THE ORIGINATOR  
**GIANT BEGGAR WEED SEED**  
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**THIS IS A VALUABLE** forage plant and a wonderful restorer of the land, far more valuable a fertilizer than either peas or clover, and superior to either for forage, besides it has the great advantage over both the above in that it does not have to be planted each year, for when once established in the soil it comes up annually without any further attention. It interferes with no crop you may plant, being easily kept under by cultivation, and it can be easily totally eradicated from the soil by two years successive pasturing. This feature, too, adds to its great value for some valuable forage plants become actually the worst of pests (as bad as Cocoa), when you wish to devote the land on which they are established to the cultivation of some other crops. This plant is a rank feeder—with deep feeding roots—and brings up from the sub-soil the dormant fertilizing elements deposited there for years, and deposits them on the surface when they shed their foliage in the fall. Land in this State which six years ago would not yield more than eight bushels of corn per acre, and actually too poor to cultivate, now seeded in the Giant Beggar Weed Seed, readily yields twenty to twenty-five bushels per acre with never one ounce of fertilizer used on it. If you want the **BEST** fertilizer and the **CHEAPEST**, seed your land in **GIANT BEGGAR WEED SEED**. For forage it has no equal. Hogs, Cows, Horses and Mules fatten on it when nothing else will bring them out, and they will refuse any other food when they can get Beggar Weeds. Old worn out Horses and Mules when turned in Beggar Weed pastures will get sleek and fat without further attention. Farmers will make no mistake in investing in Beggar Weed. The seed are very small and light. About ten pounds will thoroughly seed an acre.

**MODE OF PLANTING**

Sow the seed broadcast on land in the same manner you would oats, and plow under in like manner, or sow with the oats. When your oats are cut the Giant Beggar Weed will take possession of the land without further attention. Or you can sow in your corn at last plowing. The Beggar Weed will then mature about same time as corn. It never needs any cultivation or other attention.

"Beggar Weed Hay contains about 21 per cent of crude protein. At a yield of ten tons, the amount of fertilizer contained in a crop yield by one acre has been estimated at: Potash, 40 pounds; phosphoric acid, 80 pounds; ammonia, 200 pounds. It will be seen from this that as a renovator of worn soils, or as a green manure, no better or cheaper fertilizer can be added to a field than Beggar Weed. The tap root descends deeply into the soil, bringing up mineral fertilizers from the sub-soil, which can be utilized by other crops."

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## The Value of Beggarweed.

At a meeting of the State Agricultural Society, held at Newnan, Ga., Capt. Davis, read a most interesting paper on the value of Beggarweed. He said:

"A field seeded with it commences to improve immediately, and each year continues the work of self renovation. It cannot be otherwise. In it are all the elements of fertilization.

"1. The dense and cool shade, universally conceded a fertilizing agent.

"2. The large amount of vegetable matter furnished, giving the 'humus' and proper mechanical condition of soil.

"3. The roots, like clover, the pea, and cotton, descends deep into the earth, and bring up to the top soil rich organic matter from beneath that would otherwise lie dormant and lifeless.

"4. It prevents washing, in a large measure, and is a powerful exterminator of grass and noxious weeds. In a genial soil it is bold to assert its mastery over all opposing vegetation."

The following we found in "Home and Farm," Louisville, Ky., in answer to a query from one of its subscribers in Louisiana as to the merits of Giant Beggarweed:

"From all that we can learn about the Beggarweed, it is a plant of real agricultural merit from which only good can come. It is an annual leguminous plant, indigenous to Florida and the Gulf States, extending into the West Indies and tropical America. This is undoubtedly one of the very best forage plants for those portions of the United States where it grows. The stems are tall, and, if grown at considerable intervals, are woody, but where seed is scattered thickly over the ground the entire plant can be converted into hay or ensilage.

"Florida Beggarweed springs up naturally in fields, wherever the ground has been disturbed, about the middle of June, and matures a crop in seventy-two to eighty days. On sterile clay soils in the vicinity of Washington, D. C., Beggarweed grows three to four feet high. In the rich, moist, sandy fields along the Gulf of Mexico it grows from six to ten feet high. Horses, cattle, and mules are very fond of it.

"Beggarweed can be grown after a crop of oats has been harvested, or it can be scattered between corn rows after the crop has been laid by. Ten pounds of clean seed are enough for an acre. If Beggarweed is tried as a crop in the North, it should not be planted until mid-summer. If planted early the seed will lie in the ground and will fail to germinate until the ground has become warm. Beggarweed makes an excellent quality of ensilage, either alone or mixed with corn fodder."

[We are very conservative in this estimate of its worth, and give it nothing more than simple justice, to induce all farmers to give it a trial.]

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